

**Senate Standing Committee on Education Employment and Workplace  
Relations**

**QUESTIONS ON NOTICE  
Supplementary Budget Estimates 2011-2012**

**Outcome 2 - Schools and Youth**

**DEEWR Question No.** EW0820\_12

**Senator Mason asked on 20 October 2011, Hansard page 54**

**Question**

**UNESCO-sanctioned International Olympiad in Informatics**

Ms Davy: I am not aware of any approaches to DEEWR around support for that. I am sorry, I cannot answer that question. I am happy to take it on notice and find out whether there have been any such approaches. Senator MASON: Can you do that? See if there has been any sort of forward planning for it. I understand it is about computers and those sorts of things. It is not quite my strength or my issue. I am sure it is very important for many students. Ms Davy: Yes. Senator MASON: If you could just take that on notice and let the committee know, we would be very grateful.

**Answer**

*UNESCO-sanctioned International Olympiad in Informatics*

Funding of \$1.9 million is being provided jointly through the Department of Innovation, Industry, Science and Research and the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations to the Australian Mathematics Trust and Australian Science Innovations to support Australian student's participation in the Mathematics, Informatics, Physics, Chemistry and Biology Olympiads until 2012–13.

The hosting of the International Olympiads for Informatics in 2013 has been awarded to Australia. This event will be held in Brisbane on the University of Queensland campus, under an arrangement between the University of Queensland and the Australian Mathematics Trust.